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# Vancouver region booming: StatsCan

## Census metropolitan area hits 2.3M people, according to new data

New census data shows the population of the metropolitan area of Vancouver outpaced the national growth rate over the last five years.

Statistics Canada released the first batch of numbers from the 2011 census on Wednesday, and the population of what the government agency refers to as the census metropolitan area of Vancouver increased by 9.3 per cent since the last census in 2006.

The area's growth rate was above the national rate of 5.9 per cent, while the population of B.C. increased by seven per cent.

Census metropolitan areas do not conform to established municipal boundaries. StatsCan defines them as a metropolitan area with a population of at least 100,000, where the urban core of that area has at least 50,000 people.

Vancouver, the largest city in the Metro region, grew by about 25,000 people, or 4.4 per cent. Surrey grew by almost 19 per cent, or about 75,000, to almost 470,000.

When the 2011 census was taken last May 10, the population of the census metropolitan area of Vancouver was 2.3 million, compared with 2.1 million from the 2006 census. The population of the actual city of Vancouver was 603,502, up from 578,041 in 2006.

The census indicated Vancouver ranked No. 3 among the country's 33 census metropolitan areas.

Canada's population on census day was almost 33.5 million, StatsCan reported.

The national census is conducted every five years. The information published Wednesday is the first of several releases of data to come from StatsCan that will paint a detailed picture of the country, right down to the local level — including age breakdowns of the population, family makeup, languages spoken, immigration and ethnic origin, education levels, and income earned. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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### By the numbers

**2011 population information for municipalities in Metro Vancouver.**

- **Vancouver:** 603,502, up 4.4 per cent from 578,041 in 2006.
- **Surrey:** 468,251, up 18.6 per cent from 394,976 in 2006.
- **Burnaby:** 223,218, up 10.1 per cent from 202,799 in 2006.
- **Richmond:** 190,473, up 9.2 per cent from 174,461 in 2006.
- **Coquitlam:** 126,456, up 10.4 per cent from 114,565 in 2006.
- **Langley Township:** 104,177, up 11.2 per cent from 93,726 in 2006.
- **Delta:** 99,863 up 3.3 per cent from 96,635 in 2006.
- **District of North Vancouver:** 84,412, up 2.2 per cent from 82,562 in 2006.
- **Maple Ridge:** 76,052, up 10.3 per cent from 68,949 in 2006.
- **New Westminster:** 65,976, up 12.7 per cent from 58,549 in 2006.
- **Port Coquitlam:** 56,342, up 6.9 per cent from 52,687 in 2006.
- **City of North Vancouver:** 48,196, up 6.7 per cent from 45,165 in 2006.
- **West Vancouver:** 42,694, up 1.3 per cent from 42,131 in 2006.
- **Port Moody:** 32,975, up 19.9 per cent from 27,512 in 2006.
- **Langley City:** 25,081, up 6.2 per cent from 23,606 in 2006.
- **White Rock:** 19,339, up 3.1 per cent from 18,755 in 2006.
- **Pitt Meadows:** 17,736, up 13.5 per cent from 15,623 in 2006.

**BC.** Place

▶ Duma, a wakeboarding and boat-driving dog, cruises in a pool at BC Place Wednesday.

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## Surf's up: Pooch in the spotlight at boat show

**Duma is among the attractions at the 50th anniversary Vancouver Boat Show this weekend at BC Place. Story, page 6.**

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## Motion to introduce Vancouver: The app

There's an app for everything, unless you're looking for a building permit. Or want to find the nearest community centre. Or license your dog.

That can all change soon, as Coun. Andrea Reimer is preparing a motion at Vancouver City Hall that could see the city create a new mobile-phone app with access to city services and information.

"There's so much demand for information from the city. Two years ago we would have covered it off with our website, but that's not good enough anymore," said Reimer. "Forty per cent of people have smartphones now, and we could be providing them information right when they want it."

The motion, which Mayor Gregor Robertson has already thrown his support behind, coincides with the redevelopment of the city's website, which Reimer says is "light years" ahead of the current one designed in 2007.

The rush to embrace high-tech solutions like open data, mobile applications and online voting isn't driven out of competition, Reimer said.

It's simply a sign of the times.

"It's a race to relevance," she said. "If you can't get information on a city-run program but can in the private sector, you'll take what's available."

The motion will be introduced in council Feb. 14.

MATT KIELTYKA

▶ Premier Christy Clark and lawyer Geoffery Cowper at Canada Place Wednesday.

# Clark announces justice reform review

**Sweeping review to include consultations with lawyers, Crown counsel, and the public ◐ Expected to be complete, with recommendations, by July**

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B.C.'s cabinet responsibilities have been rearranged to make way for a sweeping review of the province's justice system, Premier Christy Clark announced Wednesday.

The justice reform initiative aims to make the current system more efficient and reduce pressure on the courts.

"Case loads have fallen and crime has fallen, more money has gone into the system and yet delays and stays (of proceedings) are increasing. It just doesn't add up," said Clark.

Lawyer Geoffery Cowper, former chair of the Legal Service Society, will spearhead the review and examine issues that cause the backlog of cases.

One issue that may be reviewed is whether police will be allowed to lay charges. B.C. is one of three provinces where the decision to lay charges rests solely with Crown prosecutors.

The review, along with the committee's long-term recommendations, is expected to be complete by July.

In the cabinet reorganization, the Ministry of the Solicitor General will be renamed the Ministry of Justice to allow Attorney General Shirley Bond to focus on the reform agenda.

Responsibility for ICBC will be transferred to Finance Minister Kevin Falcon, and gaming will go to Housing Minister Rich Coleman.

NDP opposition leader Adrian Dix said B.C. needs action, not reports.

"What the premier announced today is … that they're not going to take any action on this crisis," he said. "We have a government that is incapable of taking responsibility for their failures."

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# Officer says he couldn't seal Pickton case

**'We couldn't get that break, to have that definitive evidence,' inquiry hears**

All the clues pointing to Robert Pickton as a killer were adding up for the first Mountie probing the pig farmer when women were vanishing from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, but the officer has told an inquiry he just couldn't gather the firm evidence required to launch a full-scale investigation.

In the days after the serial killer's arrest in February 2002, RCMP scrambled to explain why they weren't more aggressive in zeroing in on Pickton, notes presented Wednesday by a lawyer at the missing women's inquiry show.

The RCMP "terminated" the operation scrutinizing Pickton in the late 1990s because the province's major crimes unit thought it had "no validity" and a ranking officer determined it was getting too expensive, stated one account written after Pickton's arrest.

Mike Connor, now retired, agreed with remarks in the note that work on the file had petered out to his "great reluctance," but he also agreed with the suggestion of a lawyer for the victims' families that lack of resources was not an issue.

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▶ Mike Connor

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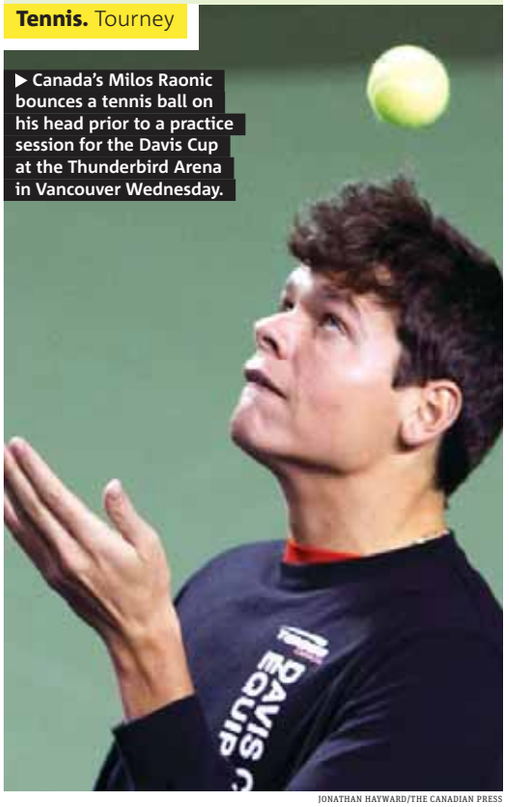

▶ Canada's Milos Raonic bounces a tennis ball on his head prior to a practice session for the Davis Cup at the Thunderbird Arena in Vancouver Wednesday.

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## Raonic keeps it light ahead of Davis Cup

**Davis Cup play between Canada and France commences on Friday.**

# Price beats safety for car buyers, says poll

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. says people are more concerned about price than safety when it comes to buying a car.

An Ipsos Reid survey conducted for ICBC found only 32 per cent of B.C. car buyers put safety near the top of their list, while 48 per cent named price and 42 per cent chose fuel efficiency.

The survey also found most car buyers think of standard safety features like seatbelts and airbags, rather than newer technologies like lane-departure warnings and electronic stability control.

ICBC says studies have shown electronic stability control can reduce the risk of being involved in a fatal crash by 49 per cent.

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# Residents spotlight billboard woes

- Minister hears complaints about light pollution
- Demand for signs to comply with the city's bylaws

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Residents at their wits' end with the electronic billboards at BC Place were given their opportunity to illuminate Minister Pat Bell on their complaints Wednesday.

David Cookson, organizer of the Take The Giant Screen Down Now campaign, and one other resident sat down face to face with the minister responsible for PavCo for preliminary discussions.

"We're optimistic that the minister agreed to begin engaging us on this issue," said Cookson, "but we've been disappointed that it's taken five months."

Residents around the newly renovated stadium have complained of excessive light pollution since three high-definition electronic billboards were switched on in October.

Exempt from city sign bylaws because the stadium is on provincial land, the billboards would have otherwise failed to comply with the municipal regulations.

The fact PavCo has refused to adhere with the bylaw has been a sticking point for the City of Vancouver.

PavCo has agreed to switch the signs off at 4 p.m. on most days but residents haven't been satisfied with the concession.

"Engaging with the city is a cornerstone of our request (to the minister)," said Cookson.

"We want PavCo to submit themselves to the city's application process. There needs to be a process."

Last month, the city passed a motion calling for the stadium to wilfully comply with the sign bylaw.

Cookson said a senior staffer at the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation will be tasked with the file going forward.

The ministry was unavailable for comment.

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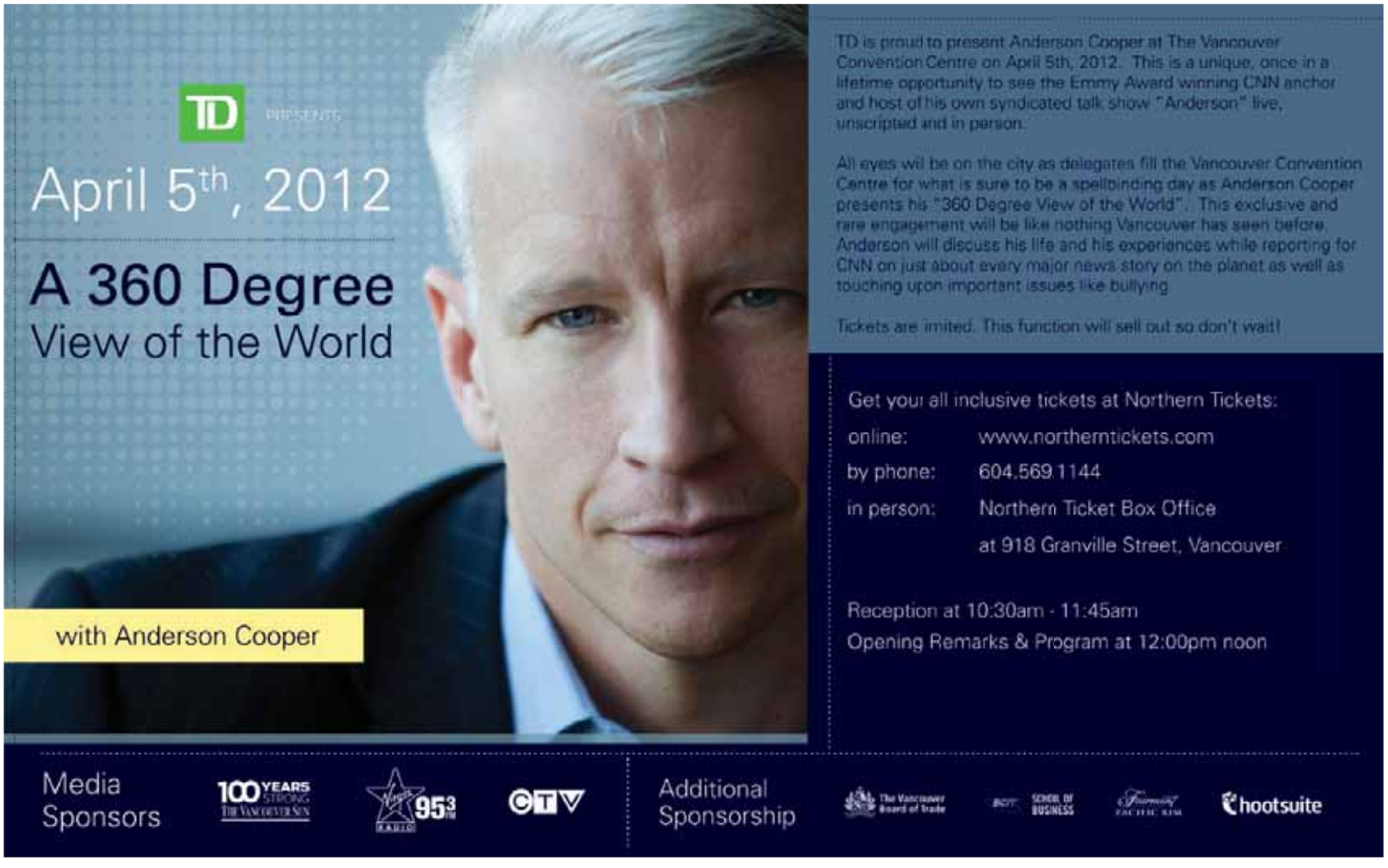
▶ Vancouver resident David Cookson says he's had enough of light pollution created by the electronic billboards at BC Place.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# A little 'ruff' sailing at boat show

**B.C.'s largest showcase for boating industry this weekend Event has indoor and in-water venue this year**

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Those visiting this weekend's Vancouver International Boat Show may find that it has gone to the dogs.

Among the many attractions at the 50th annual show is Duma, a water-skiing pooch.

Not only can the seven-year-old Jack Russell terrier swim and water-ski, she can also drive a boat. And, according to Duma's owner, Cliff Bode, she likes driving more than water-skiing.

"She likes to drive slow," Bode said. "When we drive fast, she tells me to take over."

Duma first discovered her love for water while cruising down the Chicago River on Bode's lap at the age of two. She liked her paws on the wheel and Bode gradually had her doing small turns.

The pair received so much attention from Chicago tourists that they were invited onto a TV show where Duma performed wakeboarding.

The annual boat show, which returns to BC Place after a short stint at the Vancouver Convention Centre, features more than 250 exhibitors and showcases the newest boats, educational seminars, and family-friendly activities, such as free boat rides at the new in-water venue — Granville Island Maritime Market and Marina.

A free shuttle bus will be available between B.C. Place and Granville Island. The boat show began Wednesday and runs until Sunday. General admission is $15, seniors $13. Children under 16 accompanied by an adult are free. Two-day passes are available.

JENNIFER KWOK/FOR METRO

▶ Duma does a little cruising during the Vancouver International Boat Show at BC Place on Wednesday.

# Crown approves riot raps against four more

The Crown has approved 13 charges against four more people in the Stanley Cup Riot in Vancouver, bringing to 47 the total number of suspects who've now been charged.

The latest to face charges are two 19-year-old men from Burnaby, Johnny Chou and Matthew Schulz; 19-year-old Rag Kim of Kelowna; and 18-year-old Jacob Pateman of North Vancouver.

The charges range from participating in a riot to break-and-enter, arson and theft.

The Crown is working through potential charges the Vancouver police have recommended against another 53 people, and police say they expect to recommend more charges in the coming months.

In total, the VPD's integrated riot investigation team have recommended 280 criminal charges against 100 people.

Last month, the police released more video and still pictures of riot suspects, asking for the public to identify them, including those who beat up a Good Samaritan who tried to stop some of the violence. In the past week, their riot website riot2011.vpd.ca has had 22,000 hits and generated more than 145 tips.

So far, two riot suspects have said they will plead guilty, but their cases have been delayed by the government's application to have their court appearances televised.

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▶ The June 15 Stanley Cup riot in Vancouver.

## Blast flattens garage

An explosion has levelled a garage in Fort St. John.

Officials in the northeastern B.C. city say the owner had just returned home Tuesday evening and was opening the door of the garage when the blast occurred, followed by a raging fire.

The owner is OK, but the garage — and an RV and river boat stored inside — are in ashes.

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## Boy struck crossing the street

Mounties are reminding everyone that flashing stop lights on school buses must be obeyed.

This after a 10-year-old boy suffered internal injuries and a concussion after an SUV driver in Oliver ignored the lights and hit the boy as he crossed a street on Tuesday.

Police say the school bus has all of its emergency lights operating.

Charges are pending.

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## Cops bust drug ring

Victoria police say they've busted a drug-trafficking ring that was being run by five men on parole.

Police say the men had been convicted of crimes ranging from dangerous driving to murder. Their parole has been suspended and they're back in jail.

The investigation began when undercover officers purchased cocaine and linked the seller to the other men.

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▶ Bryn Davidson and Mat Turner, owners of Lanefab Design, stand outside Vancouver's first net-zero laneway house on E. 57th Avenue and Vivian Street.

# First net-zero house shines in Vancouver

## Laneway houses offer a new, more affordable way of renting homes in the city

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Two local designers have combined West Coast modern design and environmental consciousness in Vancouver's first net-zero solar-powered laneway house.

The quaint two-storey laneway house located on E. 57th Avenue and Vivian Street includes super-insulated walls, triple-glazed windows and doors, an air-source heat pump, a back-up power system and 12 solar panels.

Ninety-five per cent of the lights are also LED.

"The building produces as much energy as it uses over the course of a year," said Bryn Davidson, co-owner and designer of Lanefab Design. "It produces extra power in the summer when it's sunny and it then draws that power back from the grid in the winter when it's dark."

The 1,050-square-foot laneway house includes one bedroom, two baths and a single car garage.

Construction costs are estimated at $320,000, which Davidson says is comparable to buying a new 600-square-foot-condo.

"There are two owners of the property; one will live in the lane house and the other will live in the main house. It's a way of getting a piece of property in Vancouver for half the price. It makes it much more affordable," added co-owner Mat Turner.

A laneway house is a detached dwelling located in the typical garage area of a single-family lot.

The house is part of the city's EcoDensity laneway housing initiative launched in 2009. There are approximately 200 laneway houses in Vancouver.

# Jury begins deliberations in ex-premier's defamation suit

A jury has begun deliberating in the defamation trial of former British Columbia premier Bill Vander Zalm over statements he made in a book that includes his version of the events that led to his resignation amid scandal.

The autobiography contains references to a 1991 inquiry by former conflict commissioner Ted Hughes, who found Vander Zalm used his public office to sell his Fantasy Gardens theme park.

Hughes, 84, has testified that he was depressed and shocked by what he read in Vander Zalm's 2008 book and sued because he was portrayed as having conducted an unfair inquiry.

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▶ Bill Vander Zalm

B.C. Supreme Court Judge Laura Gerow said in her instructions to the seven jurors Wednesday that if they find Vander Zalm guilty of defamation, they could award damages.

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### Two sides

- **Hughes' lawyer** has asked jurors to award his client aggravated damages so Vander Zalm can't put any spin on what he called malicious attacks against his client.
- **Vander Zalm's lawyer** has suggested Hughes' lawsuit is frivolous and that Hughes' reputation hasn't suffered as a result of the book. Vander Zalm, now 77, defended the statements about Hughes, saying they were fair comments, not facts, and that they were made as a matter of public interest.

## Report on custody death angers family

The family of Clay Willey is angry about the findings of a long-awaited report examining the death of the 33-year-old man while in Prince George RCMP custody. A family friend says last week's report from the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP is full of inconsistencies and has created more questions than answers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Cause of N. Okanagan fire probed

Investigators will need at least another day to determine if a fire that levelled a building in downtown Lumby was suspicious.

Fire Insp. Dean Wakefield says crews have only had a preliminary look at what remains of the laundromat, gift shop and two suites destroyed in the Monday-evening fire.

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## Repairs made after gas leak in Coquitlam

Crews from Fortis B.C. went property to property in Coquitlam, relighting gas appliances that had to be shut down Tuesday when a major gas line was severed. The gas company worked through the night making repairs after finally shutting off the flow just after midnight — nearly eight hours after an excavator punctured the line.

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# Some census highlights

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**Familes keep shrinking.** When Ryan and Ann Solomon got married, they knew they wanted to keep their family small. The Solomons' two-kid family is typical among their circle of friends in Ottawa. Indeed, couples with just one or two children have become the norm in Canada, part of a trend of steadily dwindling family size that has been going on since the early 1960s.

They're not alone, according to the 2011 census. On its current trajectory, the numbers suggest, Canada's growth rate could be almost entirely dependent on immigration within 50 years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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**Ontario's exodus.** When Ontario sputtered to an unceremonious stop in 2008 and 2009, a lot of people got out and walked — many westward, fresh census numbers suggest. Canada's manufacturing heartland posted the lowest growth rate since 1981-1986.

"There was no way we were going to be able to find something to afford our mortgage, plus pay the bills, in Ontario," said lifelong Ontario resident Pamela Wilson, 34, who now makes a home in the Alberta oilsands boom town of Fort McMurray. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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**Canada's condo boom.** When Debrah and Joel Weiss first moved to Toronto, they wanted nothing more than a proper house with a sprawling yard and lush garden. Four decades later, the retired couple is part of the condo craze that is reshaping Canada's urban lifestyle.

Experts say fundamental shifts in population and lifestyle — couples putting off marriage and children, workers rebelling against tiresome, traffic-clogged commutes — are pairing with a growing backlash against urban sprawl to spur one of the most pronounced and sustained real-estate booms in recent history. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Westward is where Canada

## Canadians ride West but don't turn into cowboys ‘We are becoming more cosmopolitan, not really frontier anymore’: Newcomers centre director

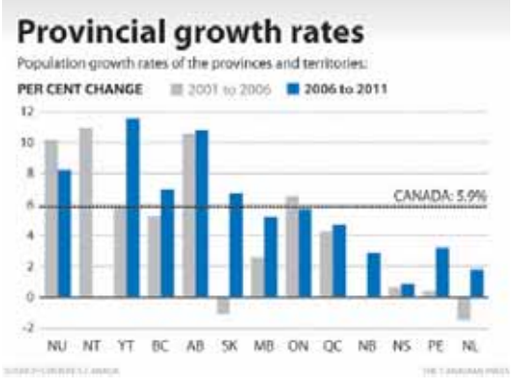
Jay Palter's impression of life in Alberta was typical for a lifelong Toronto resident: Wheat fields, oil derricks and dusty cowboys riding off into the sunset.

After three years of living in Edmonton, it feels more like riding towards a new dawn.

Nearly three years after saddling up his family and steering them across the country to Alberta's capital city, the 47-year-old social media strategist feels humbled and delighted by his decision to move to a place he happily calls diverse, multicultural — and home.

"In a way," Palter said, "being a westerner feels kind of like optimism about the future."

The sun is indeed rising on the West. Census numbers released Wednesday by Statistics Canada show that for the first time, more people live west of Ontario — in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba — than east of it, in Quebec and Atlantic Canada.




The numbers tell the story.

Alberta's ranks expanded at a rate of 10.8 per cent between 2006 and 2011, the highest of all the provinces and nearly twice the national average of 5.9 per cent. In Calgary, the growth rate was 12.6 per cent; in Edmonton, it was 12.1 per cent.

Growth in Manitoba doubled to 5.2 per cent, thanks largely to an influx of more than 64,000 immigrants, twice the number who arrived during the previous five-year census period.

"The centre of gravity is shifting," said Harry Hiller, a sociology professor at the University of Calgary, whose 2009 book, Second Promised Land, documents how migration to Alberta, fuelled in large measure by the bustling oil and gas industry, has transformed Canadian society.

Not surprisingly, the resulting shift in economic power has been a boon for the region's confidence, Hiller said. And when the relationship is a win-win for the region and its residents, the place can change a person in ways as subtle as an allegiance to a sports team or as profound as their personal politics.

"They really buy into the Alberta ideology," he said, "because they see how it's benefiting them."

The West's growing cultural influence in Canada is as apparent as the nearest television screen.

Corner Gas, Brent Butt's smash small-town Saskatchewan sitcom, is widely regarded as one of the most popular Canadian TV shows of all time. The show proved Canadians were thirsty for stories set in the West, said executive producer Virginia Thompson. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks up from dishing out pancakes at Stampede breakfast in Calgary on July 10, 2011.

## POLITICAL, ECONOMIC FOCUS SHIFTS WEST

The plane zipping Prime Minister Stephen Harper westward this week with a gaggle of journalists and corporate executives could be seen as a sort of metaphor for Canada's new demographic — and political — reality.

On his way to China, Harper flew over his own political heartland, the region that makes trade with Asia his government's new imperative.

The latest census results show that for the first time, more Canadians now live west of Ontario than east of the province — 30.7 per cent compared to 30.6 per cent. Yukon had the biggest growth spurt at 11.6 per cent between 2006 and 2011, followed by Alberta at 10.8 per cent, nearly double the national average.

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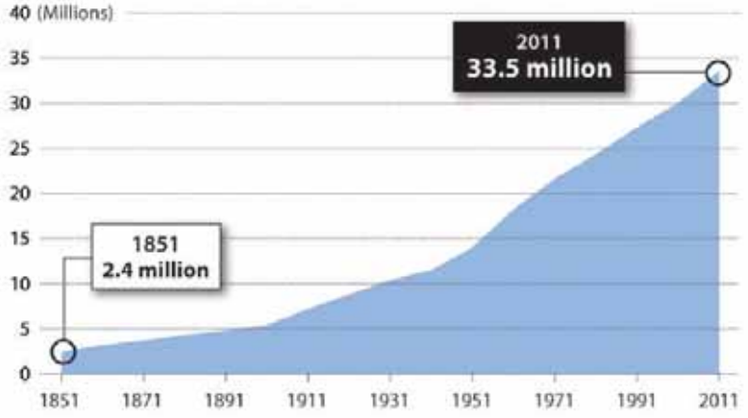
### What's online

**How has your area fared? Check out metronews.ca/census for more on the 2011 Census.**

- **Interactive map.** Have you thought lately more people are hogging your street parking spots? Check out our interactive map to find out if your area has had a boost in population.
- **Pop quiz.** You already know the most recent census has a distinctly Western flavour, but how is the rest of that data sitting in your brain? Take our online quiz to find out.
- **Still not enough?** Go online for additional stories, videos and more.

## Canada's population

A look at the Canadian population since 1851:

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## Metropolitan area growth

A look at the change in the population of Canada's Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs):

PER CENT CHANGE IN POPULATION: ■ 2006 to 2011 ■ 2001 to 2006

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calgary | 12.6 / 13.4 | Oshawa | 7.7 / 11.6 | Halifax | 4.7 / 3.8 |
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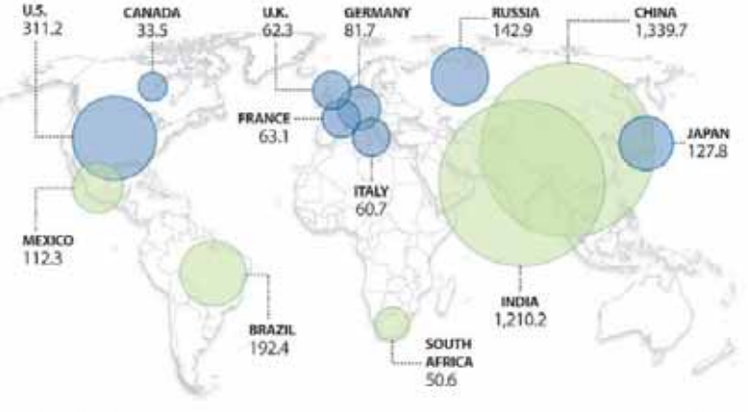
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 9.1 / 5.9 | Montréal | 5.2 / 5.3 | Saguenay | 1.0 / -1.8 |
| St. John's | 8.8 / 4.7 | Winnipeg | 5.1 / 2.7 | St. Catharines-Niagara | 0.5 / 3.5 |
| Brantford | 8.7 / 5.5 | Trois-Rivières | 4.9 / 2.8 | Thunder Bay | -1.1 / 0.8 |
| Regina | 8.0 / 1.1 | Kingston | 4.7 / 3.8 | Windsor | -1.3 / 5.0 |

## International comparison

Canada's 2011 population of 33.5 million people is the smallest among the G8 countries.

POPULATIONS IN MILLIONS: G8 COUNTRIES EMERGING ECONOMIES



HIV-AIDS

## Disclosure case comes to high court

The Supreme Court will begin hearing arguments today concerning the obligations of those infected with the virus that can lead to AIDS.

At issue is whether it's a crime for people with HIV to keep their condition from their sexual partners if the risk of transmission is low.

Prosecutors argue people infected with HIV must always inform their partners, regardless of risk of transmission.

Advocates for people with HIV say this thinking criminalizes carriers of the virus and doesn't acknowledge the science that deterimines the likelihood of transmission.

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# RCMP hunt for person of interest in Alberta case

- Sgt. Patrick Webb asks public not to approach Sawyer Clarke Robison
- Officials find unidentified body in home where deadly standoff took place

RCMP confirmed Wednesday that one man was found dead in a rural Alberta house where two Mounties were shot.

Sgt. Patrick Webb said a search was on for a 27-year-old man, Sawyer Clarke Robison, seen leaving the property after four officers from the detachment in Killam, about 160 kilometres southeast of Edmonton, arrived on Tuesday afternoon.

The officers went to the property as an ongoing investigation the small detachment had been involved in for the last week.

**"The role of all the RCMP members here is to locate this individual and try to resolve this without any more shots fired or any injury to anybody."**
SGT. PATRICK WEBB

Gunfire erupted after they arrived and two of the officers, Const. Sheldon Shah and Const. Sidney Gaudette, were cut down.

Webb said Robison could be armed with long-barrelled weapons and should be considered a high risk. He warned members of the public not to approach him.

Police had said Tuesday that the public was not at risk and Webb reaffirmed that there is no risk to the public in a general sense.

Robison, the primary resident of the house, is not a suspect, but is considered a person of interest.

"It is definitely in his best interest to contact the RCMP to speak with our investigators as soon as possible," Webb said at a briefing Wednesday morning at the Killam detachment.

Police were trying to determine how the dead man was killed, Webb said. The man was not identified.

Several weapons were recovered at the house, Webb said.

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▶ RCMP tactical team members at a road block north of the scene where two RCMP officers were shot, east of Sedgewick, Alta., on Tuesday.

# MP's ousted baby allowed in House

A New Democrat MP has closed the case of the bounced baby, saying it was all a misunderstanding.

Sana Hassainia brought her three-month-old infant into the House of Commons this week just before a key vote, drawing the attention of delighted fellow MPs who began snapping pictures of mother and son.

When parliamentary pages brought her a message from the Speaker, Andrew Scheer, Hassainia thought she was being told to remove her child, Skander-Jack, from the chamber.

But she says Scheer later explained he was only concerned about cameras in the House, which are not allowed.

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### Baby rules

- **Women MPs** from other parties asked Scheer to clarify the rules for infants in the Commons, including whether breastfeeding is allowed.
- **In 1998,** New Democrat MP Michelle Dockrill brought her seven-week-old baby, Kenzie James, into the Commons as she voted during proceedings.
- **MP Elizabeth May,** the Green party leader, said Wednesday that at the time Dockrill was asked not to come back with the infant.
- **Scheer promised** he would outline the rules surrounding infants.

## Military did everything possible to find missing Labrador boy: Report

Nothing the military could have done would have saved the life of a 14-year-old boy who died on the frozen Labrador Sea, a chief of defence staff investigation has concluded.

The probe confirmed Wednesday that no chopper was available to fly from Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L., when the first request for help came on Jan. 30 to search for Burton Winters.

There were two Griffon helicopters in Happy Valley-Goose Bay that day, but one was grounded for maintenance and the other needed an oil line repair that was completed hours later.

In any case, the cloud ceiling was too low for military flight in the region that day, said Rear Admiral Dave Gardam, the commander of Joint Task Force Atlantic, at a news conference in St. John's.

A military Griffon chopper and an Aurora plane arrived on the night of Jan. 31, after local searchers made a second request for help two days after Winters went missing, he said.

The boy's body was discovered the next day by a civilian helicopter, about 19 kilometres from his abandoned snowmobile outside the village of Makkovik on the Labrador coast.

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## Laureen Harper's Green Gables diplomacy

As she tours China along with her husband, Laureen Harper has her own wish for the Chinese people.

May they love Anne of Green Gables as much as she did.

Harper has written an introduction for a Mandarin translation of Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic story about an orphan raised on Prince Edward Island.

Harper calls the story as Canadian as the maple leaf, yet enjoyed all over the world because the story and the characters transcend differences.

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▶ Laureen Harper

She says the main character Anne Shirley is someone everyone can recognize and love for her independent spirit and boundless imagination. And Harper also puts in a plug for Shirley's home province, exhorting readers to come and visit P.E.I. to see the Island for themselves.

Copies of the book were handed out at a tourism event in Beijing on Wednesday.

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## Ottawa couple charged with animal cruelty

SEAN MCKIBBON
IN OTTAWA

An Ottawa couple is facing cruelty charges after the humane society discovered a pet pot-bellied pig crippled by overgrown hooves.

The man and woman were charged with "permitting distress to, and failing to meet the standards of care for, a pot-bellied pig illegally kept in the basement of their Vanier home," the Ottawa Humane Society (OHS) said in a statement released Wednesday.

OHS investigators were called to the home by Ottawa police and discovered the adult pot-bellied pig's hooves had grown to about a foot and a half in length. The hooves had curled and extended back into the bottom of the pig's feet, keeping it from standing or moving normally, the OHS statement said.

After a vet examined the animal, a decision was made to euthanize the pig, the society said.

Mathew Mawson and Roxanne Veinotte were each charged with two counts under the OSPCA Act and expected to make their first court appearance Wednesday. They each face a maximum fine of $60,000 and a maximum sentence of two years in jail.

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INDIAN SCANDAL

# Ministers quit: Were all three watching porn?

Three government ministers in the southern Indian state of Karnataka resigned Wednesday.

But it wasn't because of a parliamentary vote or a matter of political principle.

They were accused of watching a pornographic video during an assembly session.

The right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party, which rules Karnataka, ordered the three ministers to quit after local TV channels aired footage of the men watching the allegedly pornographic clip while the state assembly proceedings were going on.

The ministers denied they were watching pornography.

But they said they were resigning to save their party from embarrassment.

Television footage showed Laxman Savadi, minister for co-operation, watching the video clip on his mobile phone and then passing the phone to C. C. Patil, minister for women and child development.

The mobile phone belonged to the minister for ports, Krishna Palemar, who also resigned.

Savadi said he was watching a video clip of a rave party to prepare for a discussion in the assembly.

Soon after TV stations aired the footage, outraged residents of Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka, held protests outside the homes of the ministers.

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▶ China's newest heavyweight, Chun Chun, snoozes at a maternity hospital in Henan province.

# Don't call him a little monster

## Chun Chun weighs in at 15.52 pounds Baby could set a China record

A mother in central China has given birth to a 15.52-pound baby.

The 29-year-old mother in Henan province gave birth to the boy in a cesarean operation, the state-run Tianjin Post said.

Delivery took just 20 minutes and both mother and the baby, named Chun Chun, are doing fine.

The paper said Chun Chun's parents are average size and there was nothing unusual about his mom's pregnancy or diet.

Guinness World Records says the heaviest newborn ever recorded was born to an Ohio woman in 1879 and weighed 23.7 pounds.

Chun Chun is possibly China's largest newborn on record since 1949.

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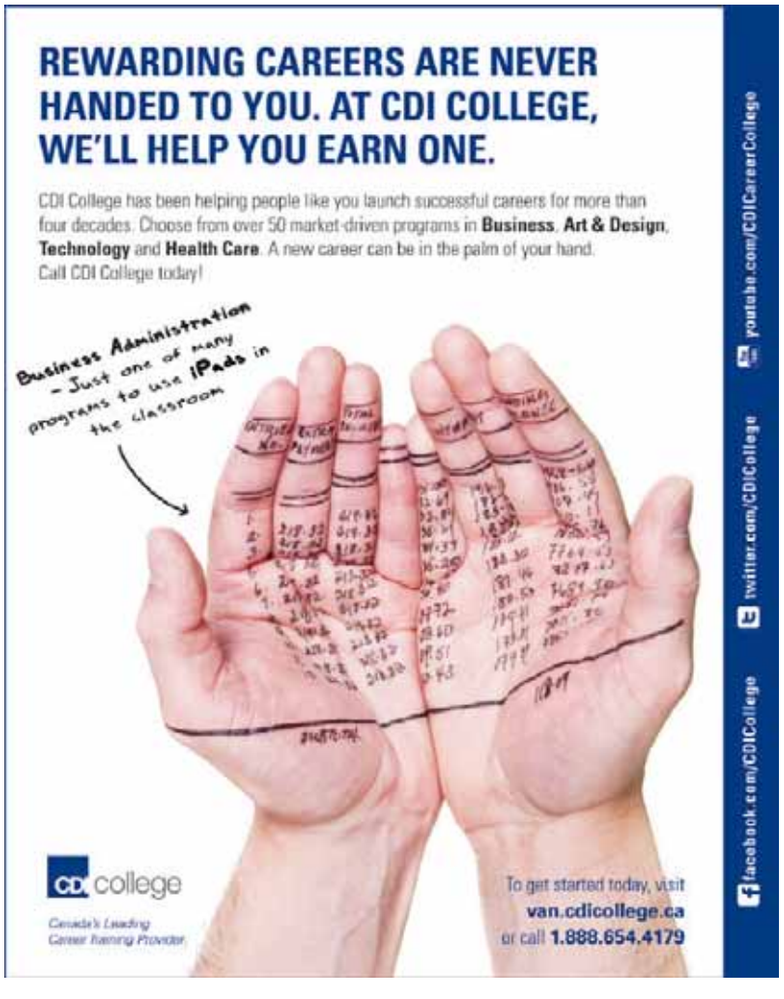
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# Canada hits at Russia

Canada has pressed Russia to stop funnelling arms to the Assad regime as the Syrian dictator unspools a deadly military crackdown on dissenters.

A senior Canadian official says the Canadian Embassy in Moscow delivered a "demarche" or protest note to the Russian foreign ministry.

The move comes after Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird expressed Canada's disappointment over the veto wielded by Russia and China on Saturday at the United Nations Security Council.

The veto killed a resolution that would have condemned the regime of President Bashar Assad that has waged a bloody 11-month crackdown on dissent that has left thousands dead in his country.

"We are concerned sufficiently to have raised our concerns about Syria with the Russians through a demarche by our embassy in Moscow," said Barbara Martin, director general of the Middle East bureau at Foreign Affairs.

Syria is becoming increasingly isolated from its neighbours and from the international community, Martin said.

Russia remains one of Syria's few allies.

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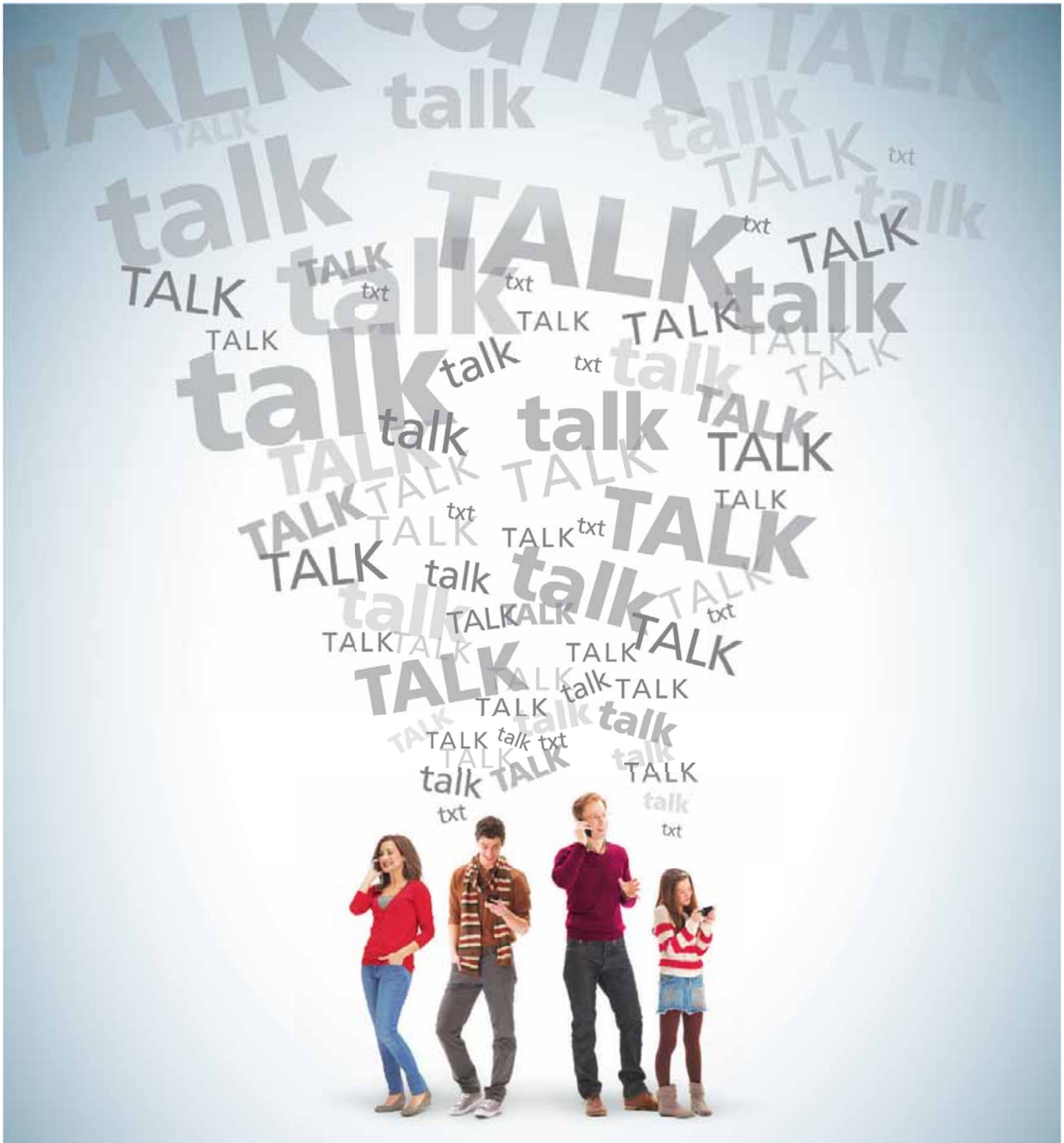


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# Airlines adopt all-in pricing

## Changes come before expected laws requiring more honest airfare ads

Canada's largest airlines have all launched all-inclusive pricing efforts that make it easier for passengers to determine the actual cost of flying.

Air Canada began on Wednesday to advertise prices that show the final cost of a ticket by combining the extra charges that have been left out in the past.

Porter Airlines, which flies regional planes mainly from its base at Toronto City Centre airport, said it would begin to advertise the total cost of a flight on Friday.

They join WestJet Airlines, which began to advertise all-in fares in January.

The new pricing structure will factor in all the fees, surcharges and taxes that customers wind up paying, which in some cases can virtually double the posted price of airline tickets.

The extra amounts include Nav Canada fees, airport-improvement charges, fuel surcharges, insurance and air-security charges.

Consumers also have to add taxes — GST or HST, and possibly sales tax or other taxes depending on the province or country.

Air Canada launched its new all-in fare policy as it unveiled a seat sale marking its 75th anniversary. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ A WestJet plane takes off from the international airport in Calgary.

## WestJet adds regional airline

WestJet confirmed Wednesday it will launch a low-fare, no-frills regional airline, intensifying competition in smaller domestic markets with rival Air Canada for business- and leisure-class travellers.

The carrier is expected to launch before the end of 2013. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

PENSION REFORM

## Budget watchdog says OAS is sustainable

The demographic time bomb that will hit Canada once the baby boomers retire won't cause a fiscal crisis, the country's budget watchdog says.

In fact, Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page says the federal government has enough fiscal room to enrich benefits for seniors and cut taxes, or increase spending elsewhere, without breaking the bank.

The new report from the PBO released Wednesday suggests that the debate over Old Age Security reform should be about priorities, not necessity as the Harper Conservatives have so far framed it.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper set off a political firestorm at a speech in Davos last month when he put pension reform on the table as part of the government's agenda to transform Canada's economy.

Since then, ministers have used terms like "crisis" to defend the need to tackle pension benefits as the number of seniors collecting OAS doubles over the next 20 years.

One option the government is looking at is to raise the age of eligibility for benefits to 67 from the current 65. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Murdoch group still facing more lawsuits

Rupert Murdoch's News International has settled nearly all the cases against the company in the first wave of lawsuits for phone hacking by its journalists, with a new round of apologies and payouts announced Wednesday in a London court.

But a potentially damaging claim lodged by British singer Charlotte Church is still headed to trial later this month and a wave of new lawsuits — as many as 56 in all — is looming.

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▶ Charlotte Church

News International, a division of News Corp., has tried hard to keep phone hacking cases from going to trial, launching its own compensation program overseen by a respected former judge and paying out millions of pounds in all in out-of-court settlements for about 60 cases.

On Wednesday, lawyers announced that nine more lawsuits filed on behalf of about a dozen different people had been settled, including cases brought by comedian Steve Coogan and former soccer star Paul Gascoigne.

The lawsuit by Church, a former child singing prodigy, heads into court Feb. 28. Murdoch had the singer perform at his wedding when she was 13.

Church testified that Murdoch's newspapers had spent years tormenting her, often while she was just in her teens, blowing her credibility "to bits" and damaging her career. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Dell launches new VOIP app

Canadians frustrated with astronomical mobile service bills now have a free alternative in a new app being offered by Dell.

The company has partnered with Fongo to launch Dell Voice, a voice-over-Internet-protocol product that allows free calling almost anywhere within Canada over a Wi-Fi or mobile data connection, rather than eating into a user's allotment of mobile minutes.

Dell says one minute of talk time uses about one megabyte of data.

Users get their own free phone number to accept incoming calls and the service also includes free voice mail, caller ID and call waiting.

The only catch is that users will be exposed to ads while using the app. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Harper hails 'strategic importance' of China deal

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The conclusion of 18 years of talks with the Chinese for an investment protection deal marks a historic step forward in Canada-China relations, the prime minister said Wednesday.

At the end of his first full day in China, Stephen Harper held up the foreign investment promotion and protection deal as the result of legwork to repair a bruised relationship between the two countries.

"My sense is the willingness of the Chinese to conclude this agreement indicates to me that they do put increasing strategic importance on two-way investment between our countries," he said.

A foreign investment promotion and protection deal gives foreign investors assurances they'll be treated the same as domestic companies and allows for arbitration at an international tribunal-type body in disputes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Foreign Minister John Baird, left, speaks to Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Beijing on Wednesday.

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# ONLINE DATING FOR DUMMIES

## HE SAYS ...

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The journal Psychological Science in the Public Interest has released a study of Internet dating with results that I think will be astonishing to anyone who lives in a cave at the bottom of the sea without Wi-Fi.

We media types went all first-love-breathless over the story anyway because it's rare we get to publish a science story people will click on that doesn't involve the words "primate sex."

However, if your IQ is larger than your birth weight and your technological savvy allows you to successfully use Lite-Brite, then you are likely to respond to everything in this dating study with an emphatic, "Well, duh."

**"About a quarter of people met their partners over the Internet. In an online world where one of the most popular activities for years has been adorning cat photos with grammatically incorrect captions, I have a hard time seeing an online conversation as unusual."**

**Well, duh #1: Internet dating is popular.**

About a quarter of people met their partners over the Internet. In an online world where one of the most popular activities for years has been adorning cat photos with grammatically incorrect captions, I have a hard time seeing an online conversation as unusual.

**Well, duh #2: Men initiate more than women, and both sexes use an unhelpful "shopping" mentality that highlights looks and interests.**

Some people cited this as proof that online dating is inferior. Some people have never dated offline, I guess.

**Well, duh #3: Sites that claim to be able to match you based on chemistry are eBaloney.**

But the smarmy old man seems so trustworthy! And all those happy couples standing in white rooms!

I do use a dating site with a matching algorithm, but it's not hard to tell a poor match. For instance, I avoid self-anthropologists who catalogue every instance of themselves looking into a bathroom mirror. I'm intimidated by that level of dedication.

**Well, duh #4: It's better to meet in person than chat endlessly online.**

OK, one thing did surprise me.

The researchers said meeting in person was better than meeting online, and I thought, "Well, you can do both."

But then I saw that the average e-dater spends 12 hours a week online looking for a mate. Here's where, "Well, duh" gives way to "WTF!" (That's a research term meaning Weighty Transformational Fact.)

That much time online seems particularly tentative in an era where a "date" is cup of coffee or, if you're jumping in with both feet, a walk.

Gosh, after 12 hours, you could have 23 hilarious rejection stories and one glorious success.

No matter where you meet it's important to get out there, meet face to face and ignore the nitpicking that might be keeping you from noticing the love of your life! Unless they don't know the proper usage of your and you're. In which case they're useless.

Well, duh.

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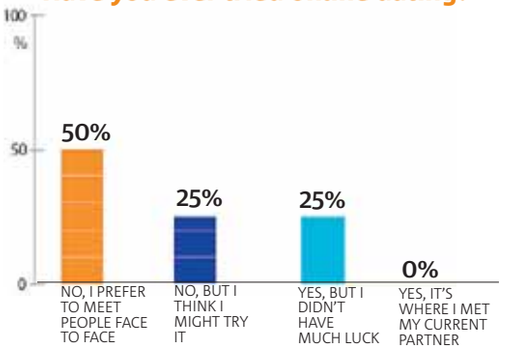


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- **@ArtemChubarov:** I keep hearing: "only in Vancouver can a team go 8-1-2 and get criticized" as if that's a bad thing. It's not bad to have a savvy fan-base.
- **@MayorGregor:** Feb is #blackhistorymonth - had powerful launch @ packed city hall. Events: ow.ly/1FOewj yfrog.com/ocv
- **@NeilOphonic:** Dunno for sure, but, I'm guessing house damage insurance is quite high in the neighborhoods around where the Kool-Aide man lives. #Vancouver
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# The Great Whale of London

## 'Whale' points to species' woes

**LONDON.** There she blows! An 11-metre "whale" floated down the Thames Wednesday to highlight the plight faced by the western gray, one of the world's most endangered whales. Numbering 130 strong with only 26 breeding females left, this whale species is "teetering on the edge of extinction," WWF says. MWN

## "We're calling on the banks to take action and oppose the plans."

COLIN BUTFIELD
WWF'S HEAD OF CAMPAIGNS

THE WHALE WAS TOWED DOWN TO CANARY WHARF, ONE OF LONDON'S FINANCIAL CENTRES, TO CHAMPION WWF'S CALL ON EUROPE'S BIG PROJECT LENDERS, INCLUDING BNP PARIBAS AND CREDIT SUISSE, TO OPPOSE PLANS TO BUILD A THIRD RIG.

## Oil rigs threaten whales' status

**PETROLEUM.** The campaign group claims oil and gas drilling threatens the western gray's main feeding ground. Two oil rigs exist near the whales' refuge off the coast of Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East. Plans for a third rig were not included in the plan's original environmental assessment, WWF says. MWN

## Remembering the real whale

**HISTORY.** It's been six years since Londoners were enthralled by the sight of a real whale in the Thames. The northern bottlenose swam upstream after apparently losing her way. Medics' rescue attempts were followed by millions worldwide, not least by the thousands who flocked to the banks of the Thames to watch. MWN

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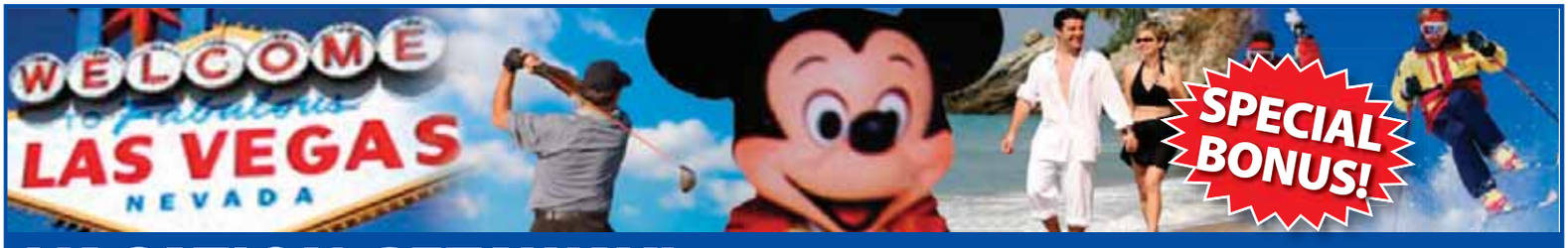


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▶ Sesame Street's Bob McGrath helps host this weekend's Variety Show of Hearts Telethon.

# Open your heart, wallet

**Variety Show of Hearts Telethon kicks off Saturday** **Raises money for kids across province**

## BACKSTAGE PASS

**GRAEME MCRANOR**
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For me, there's only ever been one true Valentine: the Carl who played for the Whitecaps between 1979-1984.

Having said that, there is something worthwhile happening this weekend (note to every man in the world: Valentine's Day is next Tuesday) that has a lot of heart — and absolutely zero price-gouging on flowers, chocolates or cheesy Hallmark cards.

It's the 46th annual Variety Show of Hearts Telethon.

OK, full disclosure: by day, I work as a producer for Global B.C., the station that televises said telethon. But this isn't about me. Or Global. It's about one of Canada's biggest fundraisers for Variety — the Children's Charity.

Yes, it's for the kids.

"(The telethon raises) millions of dollars for children across B.C. every year, bringing together an incredibly dedicated group of people who volunteer their time to make this weekend happen," says Variety's executive director Barbara Hislop. "(It's) also an opportunity to share these children's stories with so many viewers and show them the difference they can make."

**"(The telethon raises) millions of dollars for children across B.C. every year."**
**VARIETY'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BARBARA HISLOP**

The telethon boasts 23 hours of concerts and performances — Michael Bublé: Caught in the Act; VH1 Divas Celebrates Soul, featuring Jennifer Hudson, Mark J. Blige and Kelly Clarkson; Mariah Carey: The Adventures of Mimi; Bryan Adams: Live at Slane Castle; Phil Collins: Going Back — Live from the Roseland Ballroom in NYC; and many more — as well as moving and inspirational stories about children in B.C. who have been helped by Variety.

The usual Global News suspects — Chris Gailus, Jill Krop, Deborra Hope, Sophie Lui, Steve Darling, Robin Gill and Wayne Cox — share hosting duties with Sesame Street host and fan favourite, Bob McGrath.

The Variety Show of Hearts on Global B.C. kicks off at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 through Sunday, Feb. 12.

Visit variety.bc.ca for more information or to donate.

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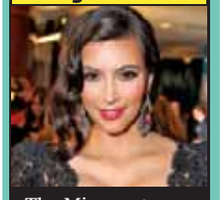

The Minnesota Twins announced Tuesday it will auction off a baseball autographed by reality starlet Kim Kardashian and her ex-husband Kris Humphries. They signed the ball before a Twins game last July, when Humphries threw out the ceremonial first pitch.
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# Denzel's wandering path

## Washington has made some bold career choices spanning four decades

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Denzel Washington is a famous guy. Since his 1974 film debut — he played the uncredited part of Alleyway mugger in Death Wish — he's won two Academy Awards and a Tony, directed two films and been voted one of the most handsome people in the world.

This weekend, he teams with Ryan Reynolds in what will certainly be the handsomest film of the month, Safe House. The story of a young CIA agent guarding a fugitive turns ugly when their safe house is attacked, is bound to break the box office, but not all of Denzel's movies have been huge hits.

Though he's had great success with films like Training Day, let's have a look at some of his overlooked films.

The 1991 crime-thriller Ricochet starred Washington as a Los Angeles cop-turned-attorney going head-to-head with a bitter escaped criminal (John Lithgow) he put behind bars. Solid action and a great villain from Lithgow's psycho period — before he did 3rd Rock from the Sun and went soft — it never found the audience it deserved.

Years later in Training Day, Washington's character flashes a picture of himself as a young LAPD officer. The photo is a still from Ricochet.

Washington has played his share of attorneys and policemen over the years, but he has never been afraid to try new things, as he did in 1993's Much Ado About Nothing. In this all-star adaptation of Shakespeare's most famous romantic comedy, he plays the powerful Don Pedro of Aragon.

HANDOUT

▶ Denzel Washington has never been afraid to take chances with the roles he chooses.

The movie took hits for its miscasting of Keanu Reeves and Michael Keaton in key roles, but Washington was praised for his work.

He has performed Richard III and Julius Caesar on stage, but this movie remains his only filmed Shakespearean role.

From the light comedy of the 17th century we next look at the post-apocalyptic The Book of Eli, set just a few years from today. It's a strange movie. Denzel plays a coiled spring of righteous power in this timely movie about how religion can be used for both good and evil.

Finally, a movie that should have spawned an ongoing franchise but dried up after just one film was Devil in a Blue Dress. Rolling Stone called Washington's take on private investigator Ezekiel 'Easy' Rawlins a "richly detailed portrayal," adding that you leave the movie hoping the other books in the Rawlins series will be turned into films. Sadly, that didn't happen.

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▶ Josh Hutcherson, left, Vanessa Hudgens and Dwayne Johnson are shown in a scene from Journey 2: The Mysterious Island.

# Finding something more

## Josh Hutcherson will face a daunting few months

## But with two major films, he is longing for some indie work

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While he spent most of his teenage years churning out major motion pictures, 19-year-old Josh Hutcherson is keenly aware that as far as fame goes, he hasn't seen anything yet.

This year, he co-headlines Journey 2: the Mysterious Island with Dwayne Johnson — who's stepping in for Journey to the Center of the Earth co-star Brendan Frasier.

And then Hutcherson has a little something called the Hunger Games hitting theatres next month.

Hutcherson describes the coming months as "a little daunting."

**Your character seems to have bad luck with father figures.**

Yeah, a bit. He's having a hard time dealing with that, and I think that because his father wasn't around originally he has a tough time kind of coping with the new guy that's sort of come into his life.

**How was having Dwayne Johnson stepping in to replace Brendan Frasier?**

I think with Dwayne, you see him be the big action guy and then also the charming Tooth Fairy kind of role, and then this one I think kind of combines those two worlds.

**Is a third film in the franchise in your mind at all? Has there been talk or contracts for that yet?**

For sure. They've had a lot of talks about it. They're kind of waiting obviously to see how this movie performs and whatnot.

**Has there been a focus or effort by yourself or your team to find more franchise-type films?**

No, not so much. I think if anything it's been a bit of the opposite — now that I have the Hunger Games and Journey franchises, to move on to something that more of an indie kind of film.

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# Straight outta 212

**Azealia Banks, the Harlem rapper with a sweet smile and filthy mouth, has everyone talking At just 20 years old, her fame is on the upswing**

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Azealia Banks was excited to learn that Karl Lagerfeld is a fan of hers and handpicked her for a recent project.

"I was telling Kanye (West) about it, and Kanye was like, 'Wow, that's pretty legit,'" she says.

Banks, 20, speaks at the same rapid pace as she raps — her rat-a-tat delivery has resulted in two million-plus views of her YouTube hit video 212. The Harlem, New York, native says she can feel the momentum of her increasing fame, but is very conscious to keep it in perspective. "People are starting to recognize me, but it's not quite surreal yet," she says.

"I don't feel like I've had that moment where thousands of people are screaming back at me."

That moment is all but guaranteed, as earlier this year she was the first artist announced to perform at the Coachella festival in April.

"It's about to get crazy," she laughs nervously.

**The "s—" she must top**

When 212 hit YouTube this past September, word quickly spread of the gritty black and white video and the sexy girl in pigtails with the huge smile who spits raunchy lyrics (unprintable here).

She's currently working on her full-length debut, which she hopes to have out by May.

"Some of the songs are there, but I don't have enough heat, especially with how quickly 212 caught on and blew up," she says.

"That's the s— I have to top. I have to compete with myself now."

What sets Banks apart from most other MCs is the wide range of styles she has already demonstrated.

Sure, other hip-hop artists may sample some indie rock from time to time, but is there anybody else working within the genre that would cover an Interpol song? Or bust out Prodigy's Firestarter, as she did at a recent London gig?

"It's just that I like what I like."

## The 411 on 212

When 212 hit the web, it quickly racked up millions of hits, with many viewers speculating about the identity of the subject of the song, who Banks viciously says she is going to "ruin." The most popular theory is that the threat was directed at Nicki Minaj, who attended the same high school as Banks several years before. Banks says the lyric concerns a different LaGuardia High School alum. "It's about me," she says. "There was just a lot of s— that was going on."

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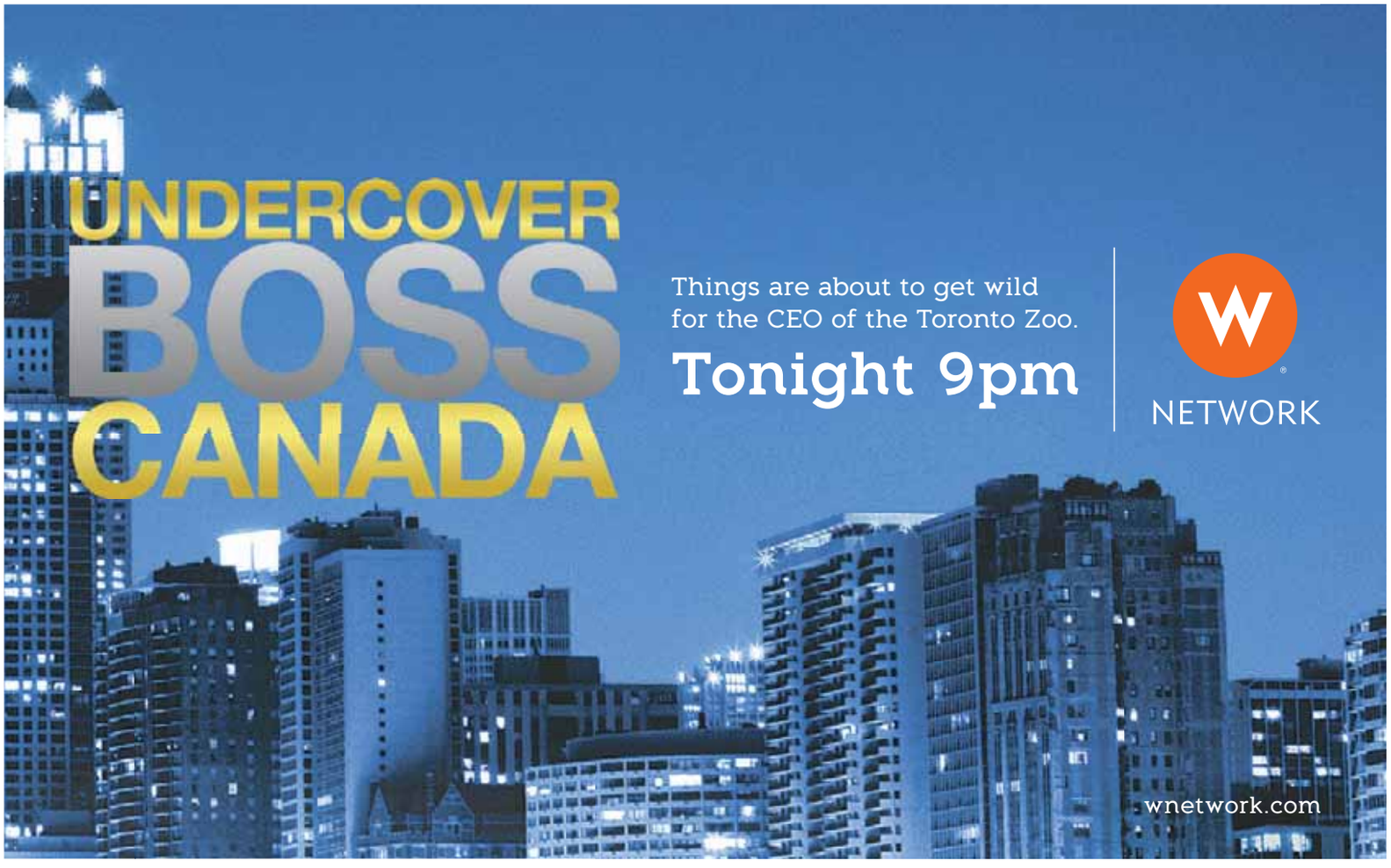
Azealia Banks



# Lagerfeld addresses Adele fury

**Designer made waves when he was quoted as calling singer 'a little bit fat'**

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Adele

Karl Lagerfeld

Karl Lagerfeld has responded to the frenzy surrounding his recent comments about British singer Adele's weight — exclusively to Metro International.

Lagerfeld, who served as the global guest editor of this newspaper on Tuesday, told us: "I'd like to say to Adele that I am your biggest admirer. Sometimes when you take a sentence out of the article it changes the meaning of the thought. What I said was in relation to Lana Del Rey and the sentence has since been taken out of context from how it was originally published.

"I actually prefer Adele, she is my favourite singer and I am a great admirer of her. I lost over 30 kilos over 10 years ago and have kept it off. I know how it feels when the press is mean to you in regards to your appearance. Adele is a beautiful girl. She is the best. And I can't wait for her next CD."

Lagerfeld was quoted as calling the singer "a little bit fat" in response to a question about singer Lana Del Rey.

The controversial statement made headlines worldwide.

KENYA HUNT

## Celebrity tweets

@alecbaldwin

Some people actually have salad with their egg whites in the morning. Can we be taking this health thing too far, @hilariathomas?

@jasonsegel

Twitter account hacked again. I don't understand the point of what you're trying to do hackers. Why? Sorry to anyone following me.

@SarahKSilverman

I still wake up so jazzed that childhood is over

@GwynethPaltrow

My dog is incessantly barking at the wind. What does she know that I don't? A lot, clearly.

# So George isn't perfect after all

George Clooney does not consider himself dad material, based on his past experiences with children — both at work and at home.

"I've played a parent quite a few times and I worked with a lot of kids on ER," Clooney said at an Oscar nominees luncheon.

"A lot of the child actors had over-moussed hair, and one little s— wouldn't even rehearse with me."

And then there was the time he tried to entertain some friends' kids at his house with a classic film: "I love the 1962 drama To Kill A Mockingbird, and I put it on in my screening room for them, but all the children began complaining it was in black and white and would be boring. So I said to them, 'Shut the f— up!' That's why I shouldn't be a parent."

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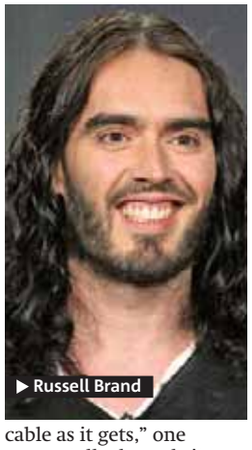
George Clooney

# Brand keeps it classy?

An attorney for Russell Brand reportedly filed finalized divorce papers in Los Angeles this week, according to TMZ.

And although Brand and Katy Perry reportedly did not sign a prenuptial agreement — meaning Brand could easily go after half of the fortune Perry earned during their 14-month marriage — sources say the British comedian has no intention of going after her money.

"This divorce is as amicable as it gets," one source tells the website. According to Forbes magazine, Perry earned $44 million between May 2010 and May 2011.


Russell Brand

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# Simon says Beyoncé, Mariah not considered for X Factor

Simon Cowell is taking on some of the blame for the perceived lacklustre performance of the American X Factor, claiming his natural boastfulness worked against him.

"It's only because I opened my big mouth and said we were going to get 20 million (viewers). If I hadn't said that, everybody would be saying the show was a huge success," Cowell says, according to Hollyscoop.

As for replacing excused judges Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger, Cowell shoots down rumours about new moms Beyoncé and Mariah Carey being considered and explains that Madonna would be "expensive" — but Katy Perry would be "fun" and "feisty."

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# Gentlemen, the time to **drop trou** is now

**What's under the pants is in the spotlight Men's undergarments are entering a new era**

Some items in the fashion world are simply desires, and some are necessities. Where do men's undergarments fall? Increasingly, right in the middle.

There's a guaranteed market that needs to replenish supplies no matter what's happening in the economy. But innovation in style and technology has made boxers, briefs and undershirts, once an afterthought into a buzz-worthy category of men's clothes, to the forefront.

So much so that H&M debuted ads for its new undergarment collection by David Beckham during the Super Bowl and Jockey wasted no time signing football star Tim Tebow as its new spokesman.

It makes sense as a growth category, says Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst with market research firm The NPD Group, but it took the right conditions to get on the fashion industry's radar: streamlined design, comfortable stretch fabrics, the idea that dressing starts at the base layer and that

**7%**

**The total men's underwear and undershirt market for 2011 in the U.S. was up more than seven per cent over the previous year, totalling $3.3 billion, stat numbers show.**

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▶ A/X Armani Exchange's seamless style briefs.

shabby-chic doesn't cut it anymore.

Men, in general, aren't as interested in fleeting trends, he adds. They are, however, willing to buy an "evolved" product if they need to replace an old one. And, Cohen says, as has happened with smartphones and athletic apparel, sometimes men will trade up if they think there's genuine newness.

H&M must see the potential. The collaboration with Beckham launches with not only boxers, briefs and Ts, but also vests, pyjamas and long johns. Beckham said in a statement that it took him and his design team 18 months to come up with just the right initial styles.

"It all starts with underwear and you build your wardrobe from there," agrees Patrick Doddy, senior vice-president and brand director of A/X Armani Exchange. "It's the foundation to your style."

A/X's core, younger consumer isn't self-conscious about purchasing undergarments in the middle of a bustling store, he says. This

**"Men have recognized they can't do shabby-chic and look like they just rolled out of bed."**
**MARSHAL COHEN, THE NDP GROUP**

fashion-savvy customer knows, just like his girlfriend or wife does, that flattering, stylish underwear only enhances his overall look.

One of the brand's now-core styles, the hip brief, was added to the offerings because of the popularity of low-rise pants, and seamless products became a necessary addition when silhouettes became slimmer, Doddy explains.

Boxer-briefs (a hybrid with legs like boxer shorts but a tighter fit like briefs) are the bestselling style for Tommy John, which CEO Tom Patterson sees as a reaction to the shift to flat-front trousers.

"Tailored clothing is booming, and it makes sense to have clothes that fit your body. It's taken a little while for underwear to catch up, but it's on its way," he says.

"Men have recognized they can't do shabby-chic and look like they just rolled out of bed," says NPD's Cohen.

"They are looking for a job, or how to do their job better, or how to move ahead, and dressing is part of that."

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▶ David Beckham sports his new collection of men's undergarments for H&M.

3 life

## Rough stuff

Skin maintenance may sound a tad tedious for some men. Here we offer an easy tips to make keeping moisturized easier this frosty season.

**Make it easily accessible**
Keep moisturizer in your gym bag, or even your car and use it often. By having it close at hand you won't be tempted to skip this crucial step to keeping skin feeling healthy, and may even inspire your friends to keep their skin resilient and flexible as well.

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# Wallflower to wall power

## Add a focal wall of colour to a monochromatic room

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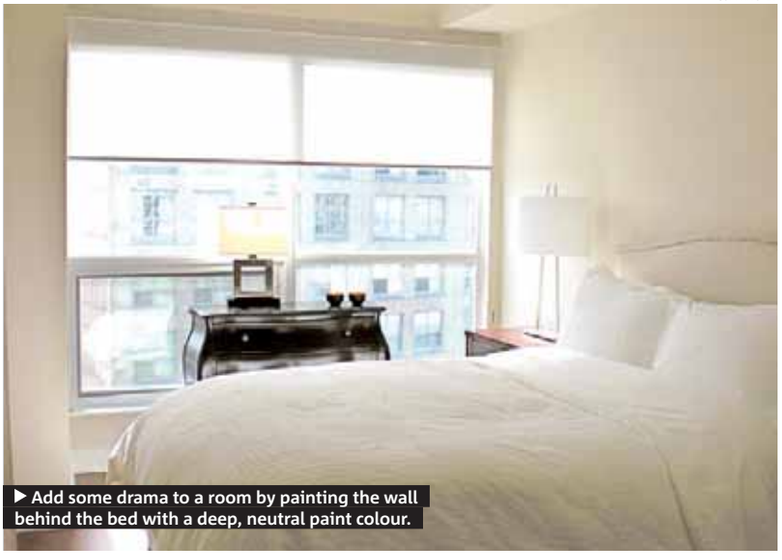

▶ Add some drama to a room by painting the wall behind the bed with a deep, neutral paint colour.

## DESIGN CENTRE

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**I'd like to add some colour to my bedroom but I am afraid to commit. I was thinking about painting just one wall. Are focal walls out of fashion?**
**D. Richardson**
**Markham, Ont.**

A painted focal wall was a popular way to add colour to a room in the 1980s.

One burgundy or hunter green wall might look a bit outdated these days as today's focal walls are all about adding drama with light or dark neutral colours rather than using colour.

Because you already have a monochromatic colour scheme I suggest keeping your colour choices for a focal wall limited to what is already in the room.

I would paint the wall behind the bed a deep version of a neutral brown colour like Benjamin Moore's Stardust 2108-40.

It's got a bit of grey in it to keep the wall fashionably on trend.

### Paint on some drama

A glossy paint finish would help add some drama and reflection from the window into the room.

If the wall's finish is smooth and free of bumps or cracks then consider painting the wall with a high gloss paint.

Paint the underside and vertical part of the bulkhead running across the top of the wall; not painting the bulk will visually shorten the overall ceiling height in the room.

### Accessorize appropriately

Bring a few darker-toned accessories in the room in order to blend your new wall; a dark throw at the end of the bed, a vase or some decorative pillows in a deep neutral colour will help the wall incorporate easily into your existing room.

### Direct the focus

**What wall do you paint the focal wall?**

- **Bedroom:** The wall behind the headboard
- **Bathroom:** The wall with the mirror/lights
- **Living room:** The wall with the fireplace/or television wall
- **Foyer:** The wall the door backs onto

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# STAIN REMOVAL 101

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**Dear Charles the butler,**
**I work in the motel business and am looking for a natural stain removal solution for white linens and towels. Currently No Name bleach (which I personally think is a waste of money) and Oxi are being used to no avail... Please help!**
**Thank you,**
**Linda**

Dear Linda,

Because your question is about commercial laundry cleaning, I thought it best to ask a good friend, Jackie Creed of Creeds Dry Cleaning, what his thoughts were regarding your question.

Jackie said that the first problem is stain identification, because one type of cleaner does not remove all kinds of stains.

So, for example, a food-based stain needs to be removed with a product such as OxiClean®, while an oil-based stain requires a different type of cleaner, one that is petroleum-based.

Remember that "like removes like." To summarize, my advice would be to determine what your stains are, treat them accordingly and then continue your professional washing program.

Good luck and let us know your results!

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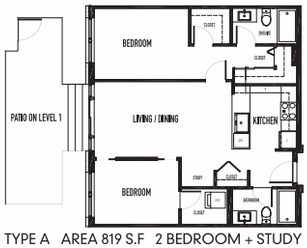


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If you're thinking of cooking a special Valentine's Day dinner for your sweetie, look not further than Fresh & Healthy Cooking for Two by Ellie Topp and Marilyn Booth.

It features recipes with fresh and local ingredients. All the recipes are within Canada's Food Guide suggestions for promoting health and reducing risk of chronic illness.

Main dishes such as Shrimp Fettuccine with Fresh Basil Pesto and Zucchini, and Grilled Trout with Fresh Dill and Chives, come with ideas for healthy sides.

# Perfect for just the two of us

**While many recipes are designed to serve four or more people, this one is perfect for couples Enjoy this Valentine's Day with a rich and creamy Seafood au Gratin for two**

Warm and creamy, au gratin is perfect for a cold winter night and even better for a romantic Valentine's Day dinner.

Serve the Seafood au Gratin dish with crusty bread and a green salad dressed with a drizzle of olive oil, a squeeze of lemon juice, sea salt and ground black pepper.

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This recipe serves two.

## Seafood au Gratin Preparation:

1. Heat the oven to 190 C (375 F). Place 2 shallow ramekins or gratin dishes on a sheet pan and lightly coat with cooking spray.

2. In a small sauté pan over medium, heat olive oil. Add grated the sweet potato and onion. Cook them until tender, 7 to 8 minutes. Stir in thyme and season with salt and black pepper.

3. Cut up the fish and lobster into bite-sized pieces. Arrange fish, lobster, shrimp and scallops over sweet potato mixture. Sprinkle with salt and pour cream over seafood.

4. In bowl, combine the panko, paprika and a pinch of salt. Pour the butter over mixture and toss to coat. Sprinkle panko mixture over seafood. Bake the Seafood au Gratin until cream is bubbling, 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving.

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## Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 small sweet potato, peeled and grated (about 500 ml/2 cups)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) grated yellow onion
- 10 ml (2 tsp) chopped fresh thyme
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 90 g (3 oz) haddock or other white fish
- 125 g (4 oz) cooked lobster meat (about a 625-g/1 1/4-lb lobster)
- 125 g (4 oz) raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 125 g (4 oz) bay scallops
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) heavy cream
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) panko breadcrumbs
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) smoked paprika
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter, melted

Divide mixture between the 2 baking dishes, spreading it evenly across bottom.

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## Ankle keeps Henrik out of practice

Vancouver Canucks captain Henrik Sedin missed practice Wednesday, a day after suffering a right ankle injury.

Sedin suffered the injury in Tuesday's win over Nashville after blocking a shot from Kevin Klein in the first period. Sedin left the ice but later returned.

The team said an initial X-ray was inconclusive. Head coach Alain Vigneault said Sedin will be evaluated after a CT scan is done.

"They did an X-ray on Hank and they couldn't tell on the X-ray and he was just obviously in a lot of pain, so we're doing a follow up right now," Vigneault said on the team's website.

Sedin has played in 552 straight games, and is seven games back of Calgary's Jay Bouwmeester for the NHL's longest active streak.

Vigneault said he'll play Sedin on Thursday in Minnesota if he is healthy.

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**"I'm still hoping that he's all right, but obviously it just shows how effective and durable Hank is ... hopefully the streak will continue."**

CANUCKS COACH ALAIN VIGNEAULT ON HENRIK SEDIN'S CONSECUTIVE GAMES STREAK

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▶ Goaltender Cory Schneider is undeniably the Canucks' best trade piece, but his value and low salary cap hit will make it challenging for Vancouver to find a suitable trade partner.

# Canucks will be active if dollars make sense

## THE HOCKEY NEWS

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With less than three weeks left until the Feb. 27 trade deadline, the Canucks find themselves in an enviable, but difficult position.

The Blackhawks, losers of six in a row, are faltering and the Sharks are as inconsistent as the Dow Jones circa 2008-09, leaving Vancouver and Detroit looking like the class of the West. (And what a treat it would be to see those two face off in the conference final: Two of the best hockey games this year were their Dec. 21 and Feb. 2 showdowns.)

Clearly it's "all in" time on the West Coast. No prospect or pick should be safe or saved if it means improving the club, if only for this season. Thanks to that pesky salary cap, however, getting a deal done is much more than finding a rival GM looking to part with today for tomorrow. According to the always-excellent capgeek.com, Vancouver has the least amount of cap space of any team in the league, with less than $900,000 projected to be available. That leaves GM Mike Gillis with little wiggle room to bring on a "rental" player.

The spot becomes particularly vexing when you take into consideration that the team's biggest piece of bait, goalie Cory Schneider, is only making $900,000. Gillis said recently he would eventually need to make a decision on the future of Schneider, who's good enough to be the No. 1 on many teams and will be a restricted free agent this summer. But it would be tough to deal him now because he's been such a big part of the team's success (11-5-0, 2.28 GAA, .928 SP). In other words, it would have to be one heckuva offer to pry him loose and the player(s) in that offer would surely earn far north of $2 million, making it impossible to squeeze under the salary ceiling.

If such an offer — for Schneider or one of the team's other top prospects, such as Nicklas Jensen, Chris Tanev, Kevin Connauton and Jordan Schroeder — did come across Gillis' desk, he could look at sending a high-salary, under-performing player (see Ballard, Keith — four more years at $4.2 million per) the other way as well. But teams will be reticent to take on big dollars with the current collective bargaining agreement set to expire in September.

For Gillis to get a significant deal done, he'll need to be more accountant than scout. It's tough to be in the NHL's one percent.

# Leafs-Wings set for Winter Classic: Source

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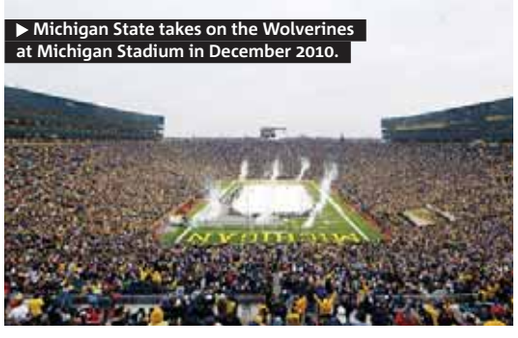

▶ Michigan State takes on the Wolverines at Michigan Stadium in December 2010.

The Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs could draw a record crowd for hockey in the NHL's next Winter Classic.

A source confirmed Wednesday the teams would officially be named as participants in the Jan. 1, 2013 game at a press conference Thursday.

The Leafs and Red Wings will face one another at Michigan Stadium, where the current attendance record was set in a game between the Wolverines and rival Michigan State on Dec. 11, 2010. They drew an attendance of 104,173, setting a Guinness World Record.

In addition to Michigan Stadium, other games and events will be held at Comerica Park in Detroit.

News of the Leafs-Red Wings matchup has been rumoured for weeks, but the deal was only finalized Wednesday. During a special meeting, the University of Michigan Board of Regents authorized athletic director Dave Brandon to seek a contract with the NHL to host the event.

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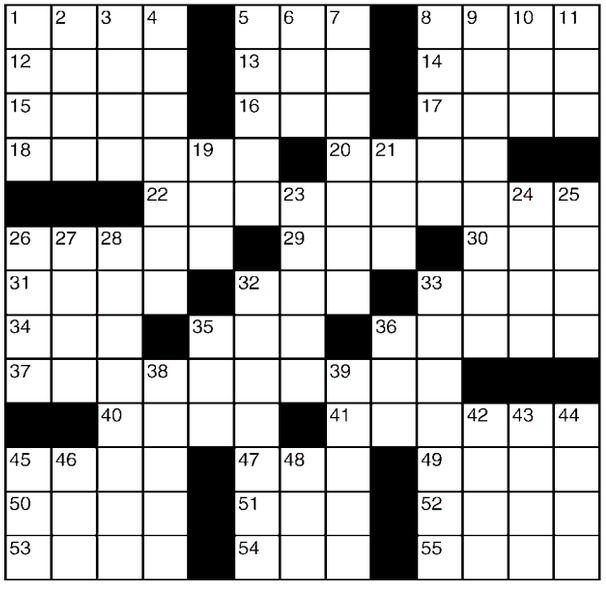

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30 Table scrap
31 Weaponry
32 Lustrous black
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8 TV, newspapers, etc.
9 Leaves in the lurch
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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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*Surprising yet wonderous night with all the lights aglow how i think of you my love how i wish to be where you are fir you to hold me console me on this beautiful night where are you my love why have you not yet come to walk with me talk with me how i miss thee my love on this wonderous night*
**NIGHTTIME**

*Smile, someone is thinking about you right now.*
**HAPPY SOUL**

## Today's horoscope

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**♈ Aries March 21-April 20**
If your sixth sense tells you that something is not quite right today, you would be wise to listen.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21**
Cosmic activity in the career area of your chart means it's time to move up a gear. It's OK to be ambitious.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21**
Your opinions seem to be going through changes and it may not be an entirely comfortable situation.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** You want to prove that you're tough enough to mix it up with your rivals. But don't make enemies of those who should be friends.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23**
Sit back and let those who feel they have something to prove make decisions. You have nothing to prove.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22**
If you work too hard now, you may regret it over the weekend. You don't have to do everything yourself, you know. Let others help.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**
Focus on creative activities, especially if you've been working your socks off for other people recently.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**
Be prepared to tell someone in a position of authority that you won't be rushed.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** It's not often you kick up a fuss but today, you might have to. No one can tell you how to feel.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**
The planets indicate that it will be quite easy to boost your earning power over the next few days.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**
There's nothing you can't do and there is no one you can't impress. Make your talents recognized.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20** You will achieve more in the long-term if you make an effort to co-operate with a colleague. You can both be winners. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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